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SUBJECT: PM MANLEY DEPARTS FOR CUBA

REF: KINGSTON 2036

1. PM MANLEY DEPARTED THIS MORNING ON A FIVE DAY STATE VISIT TO CUBA ACCOMPANIED BY SENATORS DUDLEY THOMPSON AND ARNOLD BERTRAM, TWO OF THE KEY ARCHITECTS OF JAMAICA'S INCREASINGLY CLOSE RELATIONS WITH CUBA. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THERE ARE NO MINISTERS IN HIS 90- MEMBER PARTY.

2. MANLEY IS SCHEDULED TO HAVE OFFICIAL DISCUSSIONS WITH PM CASTRO JULY 9 AND 11, VISIT SANTIAGO, TOUR HOUSING AND FARMING PROJECTS, AND ADDRESS A MASS RALLY IN HAVANA ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON BEFORE RETURNING TO KINGSTON JULY 13.

3. COMMENT: IF NOT A TRAVELING CIRCUS, THE MANLEY PARTY
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AT LEAST MERITS A "ROAD-SHOW" BILLING. THE PM HAS

TAKEN WITH HIM THE EDDY THOMAS DANCE TROUP, THE
JAMAICAN FOLK SINGERS, THE COUNTRY'S LEADING COMMEDIENNE,
AND SEVEN PIECE REGGAE BAND. TO MAKE SURE THE FOLKS
BACK HOME ARE
WELL INFORMED AND DON'T MISS OUT ON ALL
THE FUN, LIVE TELEVISION COVERAGE IN JAMAICA HAS BEEN
ARRANGED FOR THE PM'S ALOIVAL IN HANVAN, THE MASS RALLY
JULY 12, AND THE CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS.

4. WHAT SUBSTANTIVELY WILL COME OF THE TRIP IS HARD
TO PREDICT. THE ABSENCE OF KEY MINISTERS MAY INDICATE
VERY LITTLE IN FACT, BUT THE EMBASSY CONFIDENTLY PREDICTS
THAT THE VISIT WILL BE REplete WITH FERVID EXPRESSIONS
OF REVOLUTIONARY AND THIRD WORLD SOLIDARITY. WE LOOK
FORWARD WITH SOME ZEEPIDATION TO THE OFFICIAL COMMUNIQUE,
ESPECIALLY IF THE PM AND DUDLEY THOMPSON ARE OVERCOME
BY A SPIRIT OF COMRADELY GOOD FELLOWSHIP. GERARD

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